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## Queries and

When one says "right bank" of a river, does he mean going up or down?

Death of Lincolu.
Please give the date of the killing of President Lincoln.
A. E. C.
April 14, 1865.

Census Statistics.

Please give the number of negroes in the United States and in Virginia.

B. F. GIANNINI.

By the last census, 8,883,994. 660,722.

Virginia Topography.

Please give the elevation above tide-water at Keswick and Charlottesville.

A. M. ROBERTS.

435 feet. 451 feet.

The Navy.

Please gie the number of vessels in to the Lipited States navy.

MAC.
There are listed, of all classes, 306.

Will you give the date fixed for the examination of teachers this year?

April 22, 23, and 24. Confederate Widows' Pension.
Please inform me to whom to write
touching the pension for the Confederate widows.
Hon. Morton Marye, First Auditor.
Richmond, Va.

Must I pay license on a mail order business conducted at my home?
DICK STENFORD.

Not unless you carry some goods in

Can you tell whether it is known who designed the seal of Augusta county?

It is not. The supposition is that some member of the eld-time faculty of William and Mary contrived it. See "Annals of Augusta." Preface, v.

A Poser.

This question was asked lately in the public school, "What and where are the stones of Stimnice" Can you give the answer? A READER.

Unless the phrase, "Stones of Stimnice" is "Stones of Venice," they are too hard for us.

Write to the Corporation Commis-ion, Richmond, Va. on both matters.

Plaster Casts.

What can I put with plaster of Paris to prevent cracking when I mold small statuettes? INQUISSTIVE.

Mix with the plaster about equal parts of finely ground pumice. If you will stir some liquid glue into the water you use with the plaster the surface of the molding will be far harder and the work stronger.

Insurance Compassics.
Inquirer sends a number of queries which the Insurance Commissioner.
Col. Joseph Button, Capitol Building, Richmond, Va., will probably be able to answer for him.

Where may I get information which will enable me to clean my herd grass seed so that they may be used in a machine?

A SURSCRIBER.

If you will write the Department of

W. C. V. M. & G. S.

Please tell me what railway was the W. C. V. M. & G. S. A. F. HURT.

The Washington City, Virginia Midland and Great Southern. It was the consolidation of the Orange and Alexandria & Manassas Gap and Lynchburg and Danville roads and was known as the Virginia Midland.

Removing House.

A promises to sell certain land to B and allows him to erect a house. A now declines to sell the land, but agrees in writing to the removal of the house, a thing which A's wife protests against. Hes B any ramedy?

M. J.

He has all the remedy he needs. A's action in permitting the erection of the house placed B in possession of the land, and B can force exact fulfilments of the contract to sell.

Baby Rules.

Taxes on Land.

A buys land, stipulating to pay taxes so long as deferred payments are due to their home:

"Don't kiss the baby.

"Don't kiss the baby whiles your hands are very, very clean.

"Don't bring baby's face close to your own or to your hair.

"Don't allow baby to touch your face or hair.

"Don't talk, breathe, whistle him.

On what date will Easter Sunday, come this year, and on what did it come in 1890?

April 11th. April 6th.

C. C. being knowledge here of any inten-

To whom should application for work on the Panama Canal be made?
W. B. W. Write Panama Canal Commission, Washington, E. C., and you letter will be placed in the proper hands.

Has any one right of way over an old road of many years' standing?

The question is too general. You and most of the other correspondents who ask about such matters would do well to consult a good lawyer who may learn all the circumstances.

I have heard that General U. S. Grant was a drunkard. Please tell me where the statement can be found, and if it strue.

A READER.

You can find in many places that the general had the habit of drinking rather freely. He was not a drunkard, and you would be very unlikely to find anywhere the statement that he was.

Is there a pension for teachers who have worked in the achoois for twenty-five years? To whom should one apply for full information? K. O. R. Yes. Hon. Joseph Eggleston, Riemmond, Va., State Superintendent of Schools.

Mint and Palent Office. To whom should I apply for posi-tion in the United States Mint or the Patent Office? O. T. Write to your Congressman.

Richmond to Petersburg Kindly map out a good route from Richmend to Petersburg for a bleyels run.

Sufficient direction would be to advise you that you follow the electric line as nearly as may be.

Must a merchant pay tax on his stock of goods and also pay license?

Yes, but to different funds. The State requires a license for permission to conduct a mercantile business, and the amount of charge is based upon the volume of business done. The city or the county requires no license, but places a tax on the value of the stock.

Postmaster of first, second or third-class office may not be absent longer than two days without written consent of the department. The regulation has nothing to say as to fourth-class post-

Insurance Companies.

Picase tell me whether it is true, as I have been informed, that no legal reserve life insurance company has ever falled or retired from business.

The best information obtainable here is that no such company, conducted on the mutual plan, has ever failed. Some such companies, organized on the stock plan, have failed, and some have retired.

No right to remove the fence. He has a prima facie right to the shingles and B. would have to recover, if at all, by action at law.

Woodmen of the World: Please tell me where I may obtain reliable information about the insur-ance order "Woodmen of the World."

Write Hon, Joseph Button, T. T. S., Commissioner, Richmond, Va. if the order does an insurance business in Virginia he can send you full information.

will enable me to clean my herd grass seed so that they may be used in a machine? A SUBSCRIBER, It you will wr to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., you can obtain a bulletin on the subject which will aid you.

W. C. V. M. & G. S.

Please tell me what "wedding anniversary is, G. W. N.

The lists of wedding anniversaries are various. Some give widely different names to the occasions, all suggested by the sort of token of good will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will which the guests are supposed to send. There is no uniformity of usage will when the send the send that the consolidation of the forty-fifth anniversary

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Surgeon's Fee,

Is the fee for examination in a surgeon's office a fixed sum or one determined by the surgeon?

Every Couvier Remains.

Please tell me what is done with the bodies of persons electrocuted under the law in Virginia.

A READER.

The statute provides that such remains shall be forwarded to the friends, at their cost, if demand be made. Otherwise, the bodies are disposed of in the interest of medical science.

Years and none between. In first work's Query Column you state that an even number of old numbers must be even. I can see that an even number of the other statement.

It would seem strange that you can "see" one and not the other. Let x be any odd number and y any other work and you have x + 1 + y — 1 the sum of two even numbers = an even number. But x + y is the sum of the two odd numbers with which you started.

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Payment of Taxes.

Can one be compelled to may his taxes before July? W. S. BRYANT.

No. In case of sale of land the usual agreement is that the original owner is responsible for his proportion of the tax accruing in the year sale was made, and the new owner for his proportion. The new owner for his proportion. The new owner is, however, really responsible for the whole tax, since his property may be sold to collect it, and he commonly secures himself by causing the seller to pay him at the time of transfer the proper proportion of the amount of the year's tax. In this sense the seller or real estate might be called upon to pay tax before July.

Horsepower and the War.

Is there any formula for inding the amount of horsepower developed by a stream of water of given velocity and size and fall? Where may it be found? Where can I get Harrison's book, "Pickett and His Men"?

A. C.

Third Grade High School.

Please state the minimum enrolment for third grade high schools and
what number of pupils must do high
school work. Is there a teachers' butreau in Noviolk. INQUIRER.
10. 10. Yes.

M. F. Maury.

Please tell me whether Matthew F.
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Mook, "Pickett and His Men"? A. C.

Certainly. Multiply the number of
cubic feet of water passing in a minute by 52 1-2 and by the fall in feet
and divide by 33,000. This will give
the matter in any hook on mechanical
Pictionary. Harrison's hook is long
out of print. Any dealer each to be
able to get it for you.

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